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1. FLNC'S RAPHAEL MUMBA CONFIRMED FOR US MAY 6 WHAT MARC LEADER
KANYONGA HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US (REFTEL B): THAT
NIGERIAN EMISSARY FROM LAGOS CONTACTED LEADING OPPOSITION

FIGURES REPRESENTING VARIOUS TENDENCIES AND GROUPINGS IN
BRUSSELS RECENTLY. ACCORDING TO MUMBA, THE EX-NIGERIAN CHARGE
IN BRUSSELS, TIMOTHY OTUNLA, AND TWO NIGERIAN DIPLOMATS
CURRENTLY POSTED HERE MET AT THE PARK HOTEL IN BRUSSELS
WITH THE FOLLOWING OPPOSITION FIGURES:

RAPHAEL MUMBA - FLNC
JEAN TSHOMBE - FLNC
MODESTE KIKUNGA - PPA
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CELESTIN LUANGHY (MUMBA CALLED HIS "LEFTISTS LAWYER".
BELGIAN REPORT ON OPPOSITION (REFTEL C) REFERS TO HIM AS LEADER
OF ECP-PROGRESSIVE CONGOLESE STUDENTS AND A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR

TO MONTHLY MAGAZINE "CONGO-LIBERATION" WHICH IS PRINTED IN
OFFICES OF BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY.)

2. MUMBA SAID HE DISCUSSED SITUATION IN SHABA FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR WITH NIGERIAN DIPLOMATS WHOSE PRINCIPLE AIM SEEMED TO BE ELICITING HIS VIEWS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE GOZ AND VARIOUS OPPOSITION GROUPS TO END THE FIGHTING IN SHABA. MUMBA SAID THIS AFFORDED HIM OPPORTUNITY TO EXPOUND ON HIS VIEW (REFTEL B) THAT NEGOTIATED SOLUTION SHOULD BE PUSHED BY NIGERIA AND THE U.S. TO AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED, WITH THE ONLY PRECONDITION BEING THAT MOBUTU HAD TO BE REPLACED. MUMBA SAID HE STRESSED TO NIGERIANS THAT WITHOUT SUCH A NEGOTIATED TERMINATION OF HOSTILITIES, THE INSURGENTS WOULD TURN TO GUERRILLA WARFARE AFTER

HAVING BEEN PUSHED OUT OF THE REMAINING TOWNS OF SHABA BY FAZ AND MOROCCANS. MUMBA SAID HE SUGGESTED AN ACTIVE ROLE BY ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KUANDA IN THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION BECAUSE OF THE GREAT NUMBER OF LUNDA TRIBESMEN WHO RESIDE IN ZAMBIA.RENNER

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